Claims 11-35 are pending in this application. Please amend claims 11-23 as follows:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A map display method for detecting the present position of a vehicle and displaying a road map including a vehicle position mark indicating the present position of the vehicle and a guide route along which the vehicle runs, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising the steps of:

preparing a summarized map indicating the guide route with a summarization degree corresponding to [[the]] a distance from the present vehicle position to [[the]] a destination or the running speed of the vehicle; ~~is prepared,~~

displaying the summarized map thus prepared ~~is displayed~~ on a display means;[[,]] and

[[the]] giving roads including the guide route, at least one main road and branch roads ~~are given priority~~ priorities in that order in the road map,

wherein the ~~priority~~ priorities of a road or roads on the guide route and crossing roads intersecting with the guide route in the main road and the branch roads are changed in accordance with a dynamic change in the guide route and the crossing roads existing in an area displayed in the summarized map due to a change in the present position of the vehicle, and

wherein the summarized map is prepared by selecting ~~the roads~~ at least one road on the guide route and at least one road of the crossing roads from the roads based on the changed ~~priority~~ priorities.

12. (Currently Amended) A map display method according to Claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the map is summarized always with the objects therein not more than a predetermined limit amount.

13. (Currently Amended) A map display method according to Claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the limit amount of the objects in the map is predetermined, and the summarized map is prepared with the objects displayed therein always not more than the limit amount.

14. (Currently Amended) A map display method according to Claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ <u>wherein</u> two screens [[']]including the summarized map and a road map of another display form can be displayed.

15. (Currently Amended) A map display method according to Claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ <u>wherein</u> two screens including the summarized map and a road map of another display form can be displayed.

16. (Currently Amended) A map display method according to Claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ <u>wherein</u> the road map of the another display form is a local plane map of [[the]] neighborhood of the present vehicle position.

17. (Currently Amended) A map display method according to Claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ <u>wherein</u> the road map of the another display form is a local plane map of [[the]] neighborhood of the present vehicle position.

18. (Currently Amended) A map display method according to Claim 16, ~~characterized in that the~~ <u>wherein a</u> contraction scale of the local plane map is variable.

19. (Currently Amended) A map display method according to Claim 17, ~~characterized in that the characterized in that~~ <u>wherein a</u> contraction scale of the local plane map is variable.

20. (Currently Amended) A map display method according to Claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ <u>wherein</u> the limit amount is the number of the objects or [[the]] <u>a</u> ratio of [[the]] <u>an</u> area of the display means occupied by the objects.

21. (Currently Amended) A map display method according to Claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ <u>wherein</u> the limit amount is the number of the objects or [[the]] <u>a</u> ratio of [[the]] <u>an</u> area of the display means occupied by the objects.

22. (Currently Amended) A map display method according to Claim 11,

~~characterized in that that the characterized in that~~ wherein a range of [[the]] a display area of the summarized map is changed in accordance with [[the]] a running speed of the vehicle.

23. (Currently Amended) A map display method for detecting a present position of a vehicle and displaying a road map including a vehicle position mark indicating the present position of the vehicle and a guide route along which the vehicle runs, comprising the steps of:

preparing a summarized map indicating the guide route with a summarization degree corresponding to a distance from the present position of the vehicle to a destination or a running speed of the vehicle;

displaying the summarized map prepared on a display means;

giving ~~priority the~~ priorities to roads including the guide route, a main road and a branch road in this order in the road map;

changing the ~~priority~~ priorities of a road or roads on the guide route and crossing roads intersecting with the guide route in the main road and the branch road in accordance with a dynamic change in the guide route and the crossing roads existing in an area displayed in the summarized map due to a change in the present position of the vehicle; and

preparing the summarized map by selecting ~~roads~~ at least one road on the guide route and at least one road of the crossing roads ~~to be displayed therein~~ from the roads based on the changed ~~priority~~ priorities,

wherein a number of the selected roads does not exceed a limit number, the limit number being predetermined according to the summarization degree.

24. (Previously Presented) A map display method according to Claim 23, further comprising the step of:

summarizing the map with objects therein, a number of the object being not more than a predetermined limit amount.

25.   (Previously Presented)   A map display method according to Claim 23, further comprising the steps of:

  predetermining a limit amount of objects to be displayed in the map; and

  preparing the summarized map with objects, a number of the objects displayed therein being not more than the limit amount.

26.   (Previously Presented)   A map display method according to Claim 23, wherein two screens including the summarized map and a road map are displayed, each of the two screens being displayed in different display forms.

27.   (Previously Presented)   A map display method according to Claim 24, wherein two screens including the summarized map and a road map are displayed, each of the two screens being displayed in different display forms.

28.   (Previously Presented)   A map display method according to Claim 26, wherein the road map in one of the display forms is a local plane map of a neighborhood of the present position of the vehicle.

29.   (Previously Presented)   A map display method according to Claim 27, wherein the road map of one of the display forms is a local plane map of a neighborhood of the present position of the vehicle.

30.   (Previously Presented)   A map display method according to Claim 28, wherein a contraction scale of the local plane map is variable.

31.   (Previously Presented)   A map display method according to Claim 29, wherein a contraction scale of the local plane map is variable.

32.   (Previously Presented)   A map display method according to Claim 24, wherein the limit amount is a number of the objects or a ratio of an area occupied by the objects in the display means.

33. (Previously Presented) A map display method according to Claim 25, wherein the limit amount is a number of the objects or a ratio of an area occupied by the objects in the display means.

34. (Previously Presented) A map display method according to Claim 23, wherein a range of a display area of the summarized map is changed in accordance with the running speed of the vehicle.

35. (Previously Presented) A map display method according to Claim 24, wherein a range of a display area of the summarized map is changed in accordance with the running speed of the vehicle.